

Quarterly Newsletter



Message from our Founder

"There is not a shortage of mental health providers, but a shortage of mental health awareness". These are the words I repeat often. Mental Health providers do not go into the public seeking those that need help and if they did, would individuals willingly go at first?

NXTStep Vets and other Non Profit organizations that focus on mental health take the steps to solve the issue above. Our mission is to assist those that need the mental health and pair them with the correct providers.

Chris "Gonzo" Gonzalez

Get involved

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Mental Health Awareness

Foot Soldiers for the Providers

There is just no possible way for all the mental health providers in our country to reach out to all of those that need help. Unlike Physical Medical conditions, mental health is not visible for the most part. It takes NPO's and our fellow community to help identify and help the individuals seek the help they need.

Check A Vet

I had the honor to meet Michael from Check A Vet (checkavet.org) which focus's on mental health awareness training to employers and other veterans. They do this to ensure everyone knows the signs and symptoms that lead to suicide. Check them out!

What Can You Do to Help!

Contact organizations like NXTStep Vets or Check A Vet to see how you can schedule training for your company or even your local church. Helping Identify those that need the help is how we can help combat the battle of veteran suicide.

VET GOLF Classic June 5, 2025

Now is the time to register for the VET Golf Classic hosted by VFW Post 5354. This event will support NXTStep Vets and WayPoint vets (waypointvets.org) fund their upcoming years. Both organizations have a mission to help veterans succeed and combat their mental health struggles.

Enjoy a 4 player scramble followed by open shooting range and banquet with live music. This is a great opportunity to bring together your veteran employee resource groups and other patriots. Register before May 1st for an additional 10% off registration.



Eric Lozier, Army Veteran

Eric L. is an Army Enduring Freedom veteran that served with our Chaplain CSM C. Gibson. A father of 2 children and husband, when you see Eric, you just wouldn't think he had his battles. A healthy and bright young man, you would think he had the world carved out ahead of him.

After spending some time with Eric, I quickly realized that his struggles had led him to a lack of confidence. This had led him to being underemployed and struggling to support his family. Eric is one that loves to work with his hands and projects. Upon listening to some of his skillsets and reaching into our network, we were able to place him as a fabricator.

Jobs like these do require that they carry certain PPE gear and equipment. It is hard to expect someone already struggling to come up with the funds, so NXTStep Vets stepped in and purchased him all his required gear!

This is what we do and thanks to your support, we can accomplish these tasks.

Fundraising News

The Henry .4570 Goldenboy was a success! Not only what is a success but the winner, a Marine, donated the rifle back to NXTStep Vets!

If you wanted this gorgeous rifle, don't worry, it will be available for Live Auction at the VET GOLF Classic.

VET Golf Classic Registration

To register with the VET Golf Classic, please visit

<https://vfw5354.org/veteran-engagement-tournament-golf-classic/>

Veterans are 50% off the player fee. Contact gonzo@nxtstepvets or vfw5354@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities.



Veteran Updates

Paul K: Paul continues to work for the same employer. Working on his financial future, he is well on his way to completing his NXTSteps

Shawn R: Shawn has really stepped out of his comfort zone and is dedicating his time to volunteering at the MT Dora, FL VFW. His journey is far from over but we are so proud of where he was at and where he is now.

Michael H: If there is a veteran that has come along way, it is Michael. Mike has been a true test of what NXTStep Vets can offer its veterans. From Homelessness and undiagnosed issues, he is making major strides. Keep an eye on our social media pages for a news story on Michael being aired starting April 4th.

Our Volunteers: Many of our volunteers are veterans themselves. While we help other veterans find their path and purpose, it is also filling a void in the lives of our volunteers.

VET Golf Classic

Mark Your Calendar!

June 5th

The VET (Veteran Engagement Tournament) Golf Classic is locked on for June 5th 2025 in Loveland OH. I am proud to announce that we will be teaming with WayPoint Vets on this venture and it will benefit both veterans organizations.

Donation Efforts

- *Final Mile Golf Classic- \$9,500
- *CVMA OH12-2 - \$2,500
- *VFW Post 5354 -\$4,100
- *Gun Raffle -\$2,860

1st Qtr Financial Recap

Row Labels	Sum of Withdraw	Sum of Deposit
Advertising	\$167.74	
Attorney	\$3,500.00	
Bank Fees	\$119.00	
Donation		\$5,581.47
Financial Assistance	\$206.99	
Housing	\$5,041.74	\$156.08
Legal Fees	\$553.93	
Raffles Sales		\$3,539.27
Website	\$124.72	
Grand Total	\$9,714.12	\$9,276.82

I want to thank everyone that continues to support NXTStep Vets. We ensure that money is received is immediately used for veterans needs.

If you would like to become a NXTStep Vets sponsor, simply reach out to gonzo@nxtstepvets.org.

Without your support, we could not accomplish what we have set out to do.

The VET Golf Classic will be the best way you can assist us in 2025!

Tournament Sponsors

We are seeking sponsors to provide raffle items, sponsor a team or sponsor some swag.

If you would like to join as a sponsor, reach out to gonzo@nxtstepvets.org

Veteran Engagement Tournament Golf Classic JUNE 5 2025

TEAMS \$800 50% off for veterans
Solo's \$200
Rememberence Signs \$100

VET Golf Classic

Sign up now and pay later for our VET Golf Classic benefiting NXTStep Vets and WayPoint Vets. Both organizations are dedicated to Empowering veterans and helping them find their purpose to thrive.

This years Golf Tournament will be at Hickory Woods Golf Course in Loveland OH. The Banquet will be held at the VFW Post 5354 in Loveland OH. The Post is nestled on a 16 acre property and the future home to NXTStep Vets Tiny Homes to help homeless veterans.

Thursday June 5th will start with a Bourbon Trail Tasting experience on a party bus then arrive at the Post by 5pm that day. Don't like Borboun? Join us for fun times with our veterans on the post firing range, Try different weapons systems or bring your own!

The banquet will be hold lakeside at the post and will be proceeded by a live auction.

Sponsorship

Are you looking for SponsorShip Opportunities? Reach out to gonzo@nxtstepvets.org for tournamanet Sponsorship Packaes,

Live Auction

We have seeral items for the Live Auction at VET Golf Tournanement. A collection of J Mattingly special bottle bourbons, vacation packages and a Henry .4570 Goldenboy Rifle.

If you would like to provide items for the auction, reach out to gonzo@nxtstepvets.org

